

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE

Governor Craig Recommends Acceptance of Rates Proposed by Railroads.

FIRST SKIRMISH OF SESSION

House Adopts Resolution Requesting Names of All Members Holding Railroad Passes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Richmond, N. C., September 25.—In a special message to the North Carolina Legislature, Governor Craig today recommended acceptance of the proposals of railroads for readjustment of freight rates between North Carolina points and Western, Northern and Eastern cities. The proposals include reduction of rates approximating, it is estimated, \$2,000,000 annually.

Governor Craig's message, a resolution by Clark, of Pitt, requesting the Corporation Commission to furnish the names of all members of the Legislature holding railroad passes, two amendments to the Constitution and a score of legal bills were the principal features in the House during an hour's session today.

The Clark resolution produced the first skirmish of the session, several members declaring that it was nothing but an effort to discredit attorneys employed as counsel by railroads, and not calculated to do any good. The resolution was passed 81 to 20.

In his message the Governor recommended that the pending amendments to the Constitution be accepted as settlement for two years as to the rates involved, the State and shippers to have the right to proceed for relief as to any other rates at will.

He declared that the acceptance of the proposals to be effective at once would save the people of the State a vast amount of money, and enable the cities and towns of North Carolina to compete with the cities and towns of other States.

Both houses adopted a rule that no bills should be considered at this session that do not pertain to railroad rates or constitutional amendments, except those that may be occasioned by emergencies or contingencies, since the last session, and all such must be introduced not later than October 1.

In the Senate, Bryant, of Durham, introduced the pending amendments to the Constitution as prepared by the commission on constitutional amendments, together with the machinery for the people to vote on ratification.

Charters were issued today for Norton-Johnson Company, Durham, capital, \$50,000 authorized and \$2,350 subscribed, by A. B. Johnson and others, for mercantile business, and for the morehead Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of Wilmington, capital, \$5,000 authorized and \$1,000 subscribed, by C. H. Hutt and others, with power to operate branch plants in other sections of the State.

DRUG FATAL TO YOUNG WOMAN.

Whether Taken Purposely or by Accident Is Not Known.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Greensboro, N. C., September 25.—Miss Mary Shue, formerly a waitress at the Zircend Hotel, in Winston-Salem, died early this morning in the Guilford Hospital, after she had been in a lethargic condition from the effects of a drug for several hours. Death came a few minutes after 12 o'clock. Whether the drug was taken purposely or by accident is not known.

A young woman, apparently nineteen years of age, arrived here at 6 o'clock yesterday evening from Winston, and went immediately to the Guilford Hospital, where she was taken to a room, and after a few minutes she fell to sleep, from which she never awoke. About midnight another girl in the hotel called at her room, and finding no response went in to ascertain the trouble. Finding to arouse the young woman a doctor and a nurse were called, but before the physician arrived the woman died. The woman may have taken the drug to relieve the headache. No reason for suicide is known.

She was a native of China Grove, and her parents live there. A brother, Lawrence Shue, is connected with the Yarnborough Hotel at Raleigh.

Child Dies of Burns.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Alexandria, Va., September 25.—As a result of burns received seven weeks ago, Isabelle Sorrell, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorrell, living at 318 North Columbia Street, died this morning at the home of her parents. The child at the time was endeavoring to light a fire in a toy stove when her clothing became ignited, and before her mother could extinguish the flames she was literally burned from head to foot.

Roy Onks Gives Bond.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., September 25.—Roy Onks, the Bristol young man who has been held in the Virginia Jail since he shot John Burnett, of Newport, Tenn., ten days ago while the latter, in company with Onks's wife, was enroute from a train, to-day gave bond and was released. The fact that Burnett was not killed was due to the bullet lodging against a rib.



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PRESBYTERY ENDS REGULAR MEETING

Commissions to Organize Three New Churches Are Appointed. Sunday School Institute.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Amelia, Va., September 25.—The third day's session of East Hanover Presbytery, in session here, was a very busy one.

E. H. Chalkley, of the Grace Street Presbyterian Church, Richmond, presented to the presbytery and asked an answer to the question whether or not the session of a church has the right to put in the hands of a committee the selection and direction of the music used in public worship. The presbytery answered that this session might do this, but that such action and its actions are subject to the review and control of the session.

Presbytery adopted a resolution asking that the Synod of Virginia should call on the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church to turn over to the ownership and control of the synod the assembly's home and school at Fredericksburg. This is the institution in which the children of missionaries and the orphans of ministers are taken care of and educated. Rev. E. C. Gilmore and Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., were appointed a committee to present this action to the synod.

Rev. W. W. Hall, of Crewe, was appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon at the next stated meeting of the presbytery, with Rev. F. M. Allen, of Hebron, as alternate.

Sunday School Institute.
The afternoon session was largely taken up with a Sunday school institute conducted by Rev. William E. Hutchison. The speakers were R. C. Stearns, State Superintendent of Education; W. C. Smith, editor of the Missionary Survey, and Thomas C. Diggs, secretary of the State Sunday School Association.

The presbytery appointed commissions to organize new churches. One consisting of Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D., Rev. H. J. Williams, E. H. Chalkley and W. T. Fitzgerald, is to organize a church at Rosemeath, in the northwest part of Richmond. Another, to organize a church at Laurel, is composed of Rev. P. T. McFadden, D. D., Rev. William S. Campbell, Dr. J. E. Warriner, and L. E. Curry. A third, to organize a church among the Bohemians, near Highland Springs, is composed of Rev. C. R. Strubling, Rev. W. E. Hutchison, A. M. Forrester, and A. C. Bruce.

Presbytery adjourned this afternoon to meet at 12 o'clock on the first Monday in November, in the Presbyterian Publishing House in Richmond. The next spring meeting will be held in the Third Church, Petersburg, on the fourth Monday in April.

The women of the church and community served each day under the trees in the churchyard a most bountiful dinner, such as the country housekeepers of Eastern Virginia are noted for, and which cannot be surpassed anywhere. Large congregations attended all the sessions of the presbytery, both night and day, and enjoyed all the proceedings.

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TRIBUTE TO WILSON WARWILLY APPLAUDED

Virginia and North Carolina Postmasters in Joint Convention at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., September 25.—Notwithstanding the fact that only a few scattering Democrats are sitting in the joint convention of the Virginia and North Carolina Postmasters' Association, which convened here in annual session to-day, postmasters applauded with great enthusiasm a notable tribute paid to President Woodrow Wilson by C. F. McKesson, Republican postmaster at Morgantown, N. C.

Mr. McKesson said that, while he was not swerving in the least in his loyalty to the Republican party, he wished to say there is now occupying the presidential chair at Washington the greatest chieftain the nation has ever had since the days of Thomas Jefferson.

This declaration was made by Mr. McKesson in a striking response for the postmasters of North Carolina to the address of welcome which had just been made by Mayor W. W. H. Kinney, of Norfolk. Mr. McKesson's address was one of the features of the opening session of the joint convention, the business meetings of which are being held in the parlors of the Monticello Hotel.

Attendance Is Large.
The joint convention opened at 10 o'clock this morning, with about 150 Virginia and North Carolina postmasters of the first, second and third classes in attendance. Secretary McKesson, of the Virginia association, who was instrumental in bringing about the joint convention at Norfolk, expressed the belief that as many more would be here before the day was over.

S. Brown Allen, postmaster at Staunton, president of the Virginia association, and W. W. Rollins, postmaster at Asheville, N. C., president of the North Carolina association, are presiding over the deliberations of the two bodies jointly.

S. Brown Allen opened the convention, and the invocation was by Rev. Sparks W. Melton, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Church, Mayor Mayo delivered an address of welcome, and was warmly applauded.

The responses for Virginia were made by R. A. McHenry, postmaster at Marion, and Charles P. Rich, postmaster at Front Royal.

Annual Addresses.

The response by Postmaster McKesson, of Morgantown, for the North Carolina postmasters, was followed by the annual addresses of President Allen, of Virginia, and President Rollins, of North Carolina.

Mr. McKesson, postmaster-general of the United States, who was expected from Washington, found at the last minute they could not come, and so the Postmaster General, Mr. Wright, of Norfolk, other pressing business prevented their attendance.

The postmasters adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and left for the afternoon session of the Norfolk Conventions Association. To-morrow afternoon the visitors will be given a boat ride. The convention will be in session through Saturday.

The annual election of officers takes place to-morrow in both associations. Postmaster E. M. C. Quimby, of Suffolk, the incumbent first vice-president of the Virginia postmasters, will be elected president for the ensuing year. The secretary, C. A. McKinney, postmaster at Cape Charles, will be re-elected to this position, which he has filled for two years.

Program for To-Day.

To-morrow morning Rev. Sparks W. Melton, D. D., will address the conventions in joint session. He will follow a choir of 100 voices, and will read a paper on "The Postmaster's Social Responsibility." C. P. Nair, Clifton Forge.

"Good Roads and How to Secure Them," D. J. Smith, Greenville, N. C.

"The Postmaster's Social Responsibility," C. P. Nair, Clifton Forge.

"Enforcement of Sections 457-498 and 499, P. L. and R.," D. Douglas, Greensboro, N. C.

"How Can We Benefit the Fourth-Class Postmasters?" J. O. Fitzgerald, Pelham, N. C.

Discussion of live topics by postmasters.

Quite a number of women are in attendance upon the conventions.

AMUSEMENTS.

Lyric—Keith Vaudeville, matinee and night.
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First Concert of Radcliffe Series.

Following his custom of the last few years, W. L. Radcliffe opened his 1913-14 series of concerts at the City Auditorium last night with the United States Marine Band, under the direction of its conductor, Lieutenant William H. Santelmann. The soloists were the same as those who appeared at the inauguration last year: Miss Mary Sherrier, soprano; George Frey, euphonium player; and Peter Weber, euphonium.

Encores were demanded and given after every selection, and the program, which was of a high order, compelled the audience to indulge in semi-hysterical applause by his really marvellous playing.

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OFFICERS LAID DISTILLERY.

In Returning Fire From Ambush, Shoot Operator in Arm.

Henderson, N. C., September 25.—Sheriff Roy, accompanied by Police Officers V. D. Laney and J. C. Chappin, this morning about 11 o'clock captured an illicit distillery in full operation, owned by L. B. Evans, near Drewry. Officers were fired upon from ambush by Evans, which was returned, and he received a wound in the left arm. Evans was brought to Henderson under guard, and after his wounds were dressed, was lodged in jail. Sheriff Roy will bring with him to Henderson the captured still and its equipment.

ARGUMENT IN SAUNDERS TRIAL.

Two Speeches Still to Be Made Before Case Goes to Jury.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Elizabeth City, N. C., September 25.—The entire day was spent in the argument in the Saunders libel trial, which has been in progress here for a whole week, and it is not yet concluded. Solicitor Ehringhaus and Attorney L. M. Meekins consumed almost the whole day with their speeches, and Ex-Governor Kitchen began to speak about 5 o'clock. He will conclude his speech to-morrow morning, and after that the argument for the State will close the argument. The jury will then take the case.

SALARIES RAISED TO SET STANDARD

Encouraging Report of Home Mission Committee to West Hanover Presbytery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Louisville, Va., September 25.—The fall meeting of West Hanover Presbytery convened at West Memorial Church, Loudoun County, this evening of September 23, the opening sermon being preached by Rev. S. O. Cox, of Rapidan. The retiring moderator, from the text, Matt. xvi. 24: "Let him deny himself."

Rev. James E. Cook, of the Keswick group of churches, was elected moderator, and Rev. Plummer F. Jones was elected clerk.

Rev. J. E. Booker, superintendent of synod's home missions, briefly addressed the presbytery upon the subject of "Synod's Home Missions," reporting of unusual results to date in the matter of raising funds for the committee's work.

On Wednesday morning the regular work of the presbytery was taken up. The committee appointed at the spring meeting to install Rev. Ivanhoe Robertson in the Cumberland group of churches reported that Mr. Robertson was installed in these churches on June 29.

Verbal reports upon the state of religion in the forty-six churches of the presbytery were begun, with most encouraging reports from all quarters. At 11 o'clock Rev. Plummer F. Jones, of Arvonia, preached a sermon on the subject, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

All Churches Supplied.
The home mission committee reported practically all churches supplied with pastors, with regular preaching. The presbytery's publication, the Home Mission Messenger, was reported to be doing well in the second year of its life, with a good circulation.

An excellent old-time dinner, with hot coffee, was served in the lecture room of the church at midday. In the afternoon an inspiring Sunday school exercise was held. Dr. G. L. Petrie, of Charlottesville, spoke upon the subject, "Christ, the Great Teacher of the Bible Study." On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. J. C. Leps, of Appomattox Courthouse, using the text, "The Word of the Lord Shall Increase," delivered a lecture upon the "Life of Moses."

On Thursday morning, after devotional exercises, the committee on the minutes of the general assembly reported, recommending, among other things, that a change be made in the basis of representation at the general assembly, on the part of the presbytery, from one minister to one being entitled to be enrolled for each 4,000 church members.

The committee also recommended that the first Sunday in October be set apart as rally day for all the Sunday schools of the presbytery.

Rev. Charles M. Barrell reported as chairman of the committee on foreign missions, the report of the committee showing that the offerings for foreign missions in the presbytery had increased from \$2,472 in 1912 to \$4,136 in 1913, an increase of \$1,664, or about 66 per cent, in one year.

At 11 o'clock in the morning Rev. Andrew Allen, of Farmville, preached the presidential sermon from Mark x. 9: "What, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Dinner was again served at noon on Thursday, with several committee reports later.

A meeting of the presbytery will be held with the Orange Church, the date being the Tuesday following the third Sunday in April, 1914.

The attendance of this meeting of presbytery in the matter of delegates was twenty-three, eleven ministers and twelve ruling elders.

Presbytery adjourned on Thursday afternoon.



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News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., September 25.

Two hours or more were required to secure a jury in the Hustings Court to-day for the trial of Waverly Blanks, who performed the ceremony, Miss Anne D. DeWitt, and Miss R. Lindie, both of Chesterfield County, were quietly married.

At 6 o'clock last evening at the residence of Mrs. E. J. Weatherford, in Grove Avenue, Miss Grace Lee Humphries and Samuel T. Chennay, both of this city, were married by the Rev. George C. Zeigler, of the Christian Church. A number of friends were present.

Personal and Otherwise.
Mr. and Mrs. Val Parham left for Baltimore to-day. Mr. Parham will seek surgical advice relative to the effects of a severe accident which recently befell him.

Captain and Mrs. J. H. Meacham are visiting relatives in Mecklenburg County.